STATE OF CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL

In the Matter of:

Badjr Transportation, Inc.)
10575 Banana Avenue
Fontana, California 92337)

EPA ID # CAR000094664;)

Bernard A. DeKay)

Respondent)

INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. <u>Introduction</u>. The State Department of Toxic Substances Control (Department) issues this Enforcement Order (Order) to Badjr Transportation, Inc. (Badjr) and Bernard A. DeKay (DeKay) (herein known as Respondents).
- 1.2. <u>Sites</u>. Respondents transported hazardous waste and held hazardous waste at transfer facilities at the following sites: 10756 Calabash Avenue, Fontana (Calabash Site) and 10575 Banana Avenue, Fontana, California (Banana Site).
- 1.3.1. <u>Parties.</u> The Department is the state agency with responsibility and jurisdiction to enforce the Hazardous Waste Control Law (HWCL) and the implementing regulations in California Code of Regulations, title 22, sections 66260 et seg.

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1.3.2. Badjr is a California corporation. Badjr is a "person" as defined in Health and Safety Code section 25118.

Badjr is a hazardous waste transporter, as those terms are defined in California Code of Regulations, title, 22, section 66260.10. At the time the violations cited in this order occurred, Badjr did not hold a valid hazardous waste transporter registration with the State of California.

1.3.3. DeKay is an individual and the President of Badjr and 30% owner of Badjr. DeKay has been an officer of Badjr at all times relevant to this Order. DeKay was present at the Banana Site during July 2001. DeKay has at times relevant to this Order exercised control over the management decisions of Badjr, including but not limited to decisions regarding hazardous waste management at the Calabash Site and at the Banana Site.

1.3.4. As an officer and director of Badjr with hands on control and decision making authority, DeKay had a non-delegable duty to ensure that Badjr complied with the HWCL and the regulations. DeKay further authorized, directed and/or participated in each and every violation of the HWCL and the regulations committed by Badjr and cited herein.

1.3.5. DeKay is a "person" as defined in Health and Safety Code section 25118. DeKay is an "owner" and/or "operator" of a hazardous waste transporter, as those terms are defined in California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 66260.10.

COURT PAPER STATE OF CALIFORNIA STD. 113 (REV. 3-95) OSP 98 10924 1.4. <u>Jurisdiction</u>. Section 25187 of the Health and Safety Code authorizes the Department to order action necessary to correct violations and assess a penalty when the Department determines that any person has violated specified provisions of the Health and Safety Code or any permit, rule, regulation, standard, or requirement issued or adopted pursuant thereto.

- 1.5. <u>Exhibits</u>. All exhibits attached to this Order are incorporated herein by this reference.
- 1.6. Applicable Statutes and Regulations. Copies of the statutes and regulations applicable to this Order are attached as Exhibit (1).

DETERMINATION OF VIOLATIONS

- 2. The Department has determined:
- 2.1. The Respondents violated Health and Safety Code section 25189 (a) in that on or about June 19, 2001, Respondents intentionally or negligently made false statements on Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifests (manifests) filed, maintained or used for purposes of compliance with the HWCL, in that: The Respondents replaced the original manifests under which eight shipments were made with manifests on which the following false statements were made:
- 2.1.1. The dates on which the waste were shipped from the generator were altered to make it appear that the wastes had been in transit, and therefore in storage, for a shorter time.

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2.1.2. Transporters were listed on the false manifests as transporters of the waste, although those transporters had not taken custody of the waste and did not transport the waste.

2.2. The Respondents violated Health and Safety Code section 25189 (a) in that on or about July 23, 2001, Respondents intentionally or negligently made false statements on Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifests (manifests) filed, maintained or used for purposes of compliance with the HWCL, in that: The Respondents signed five manifests indicating that Respondents transported the hazardous wastes listed on those manifests from the Denova Environmental, Inc., facility (Denova) to the Banana Yard, when, in fact, at all times relevant to this order, the wastes were stored at the Banana yard or at 14165 Slover Avenue, Fontana, California.

2.3. The Respondents violated Health and Safety Code section 25201(a) in that Respondents stored hazardous waste at transfer facilities at the Calabash Site and at the Banana Site, and on adjacent properties, for longer than 10 days without authorization from the Department.

2.3.1. Respondents stored at least one shipment of waste, containing approximately 80 55-gallon drums, from a generator in Lake Charles, Louisiana, at the Calabash Site from about June 17, 2001, until about June 30, 2001 (13 days); and at the Banana Site from about June 30, 2001, until it was quarantined by the Department on July 13, 2001 (13 days).

2.3.2. Respondents received and stored at the Calabash Site until June 30, 2001, the following wastes shipped from American Recovery, Inc.: one shipment received on or about May 29, 2001 (about 32 days); one shipment received on or about May 30, 2001 (about 31 days); one shipment received on or about May 31, 2001 (about 30 days); and one shipment received on or about June 4, 2001 (about 26 days). Each of these shipments contained about 80 55-gallon drums.

- 2.3.3. Respondents received and stored at a site adjacent to the Banana Site, at 14165 Slover Avenue, Fontana, California, three of the four shipments of the hazardous wastes listed in 2.3.2. from July 6, 2001 until July 26, 2001 (about 20 days).
- 2.3.4. Respondents stored the remaining shipment of the four shipments of the hazardous wastes listed in 2.3.2. at the 14165 Slover Avenue location from July 6, 2001, until or or about July 23, 2001 (about 17 days).
- 2.3.5. Between about May 1, 2001, and August 1, 2001, Respondents stored at least 14 shipments of hazardous waste longer than ten days. These 14 manifests for shipments transported by the Respondents show that the waste was held longer than 13 days, where there was no evidence that the waste was transported over a long distance or transported by a second transporter.



COURT PAPER STATE OF CALIFORNIA STD. 113 (REV. 3-95) OSP 98 10924 2.3.6. Between May 4, 2001, and July 13, 2001, Respondent stored the waste listed on the following manifests longer than ten days at the Calabash and/or the Banana Sites:

Manifest	Contents	Days at	Days at
number		Calabash Site	Banana Site
20823758	330 gal. oil and water	2 days	13 days
20823760	1800 lbs grinding sludge	55 days	14 days
20823823	2000 lbs grinding sludge	22 days	14 days
20823824	55 gal. Mineral spirits and water	13 days	13 days
20823833	1800 lbs grinding sludge	14 days	14 days

- 2.3.6. Between June 29, 2001, and July 13, 2001, Respondents stored an empty electrical transformer carcass and some drums of PCB contaminated oil longer than ten days at the Banana Site.
- 2.4. The Respondents violated Health and Safety Code section 25163(a)) in that from on or about April 30, 2001, through June 30, 2001, Respondents transported hazardous waste without a valid hazardous waste transporter registration issued by the Department.
- 2.5. Respondents violated Health and Safety Code section 25189(a) in that Respondents falsely stated on at least 122 manifests, that Respondents were Sina Environmental, Inc., a

registered hazardous waste transporter. Respondents are not employed by, or any part of, Sina Environmental, Inc.

SCHEDULE FOR COMPLIANCE

- 3. Based on the foregoing Determination Of Violations, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:
- 3.1.1. Immediately upon the effective date of this Order, Respondents shall completely and accurately complete the information required on manifests.
- 3.1.2. Immediately upon the effective date of this Order, Respondents shall not transport hazardous waste within the State of California unless Respondents have obtained and hold a valid hazardous waste haulers registration from the Department.
- 3.1.3. Immediately upon the effective date of this Order, Respondents shall not hold hazardous waste longer than allowed by California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 66263.18 without authorization from the Department.
- 3.2. <u>Submittals.</u> All submittals from a Respondents pursuant to this Order shall be sent simultaneously to:

Kit Davis, Branch Chief Task Force Support and Special Investigations Branch Department of Toxic Substances Control 8800 Cal Center Drive Sacramento, California 95826-3200

and

Phillip Blum, P.E., Unit Chief Task Force Support and Special Investigations Branch 1011 North Grandview Avenue Glendale, California 91201



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COURT PAPER STATE OF CALIFORNIA STD. 113 (REV. 3-95) 95 28391 3.3. <u>Communications</u>. All approvals and decisions of the Department made regarding submittals and notifications will be communicated to Respondents in writing by the Branch Chief, Department of Toxic Substances Control, or his/her designee. No informal advice, guidance, suggestions, or comments by the Department regarding reports, plans, specifications, schedules, or any other writings by Respondents shall be construed to relieve Respondents of the obligation to obtain such formal approvals as may be required.

3.4. Department Review and Approval. If the Department determines that any report, plan, schedule, or other document submitted for approval pursuant to this Order fails to comply with the Order or fails to protect public health or safety or the environment, the Department may:

- a. Modify the document as deemed necessary and approve the document as modified, or
- b. Return the document to Respondents with recommended changes and a date by which Respondents must submit to the Department a revised document incorporating the recommended changes.
- 3.5. <u>Compliance with Applicable Laws</u>: Respondents shall carry out this Order in compliance with all local, State, and federal requirements, including but not limited to requirements to obtain permits and to assure worker safety.

- 3.6. Endangerment during Implementation: In the event that the Department determines that any circumstances or activity (whether or not pursued in compliance with this Order) are creating an imminent or substantial endangerment to the health or welfare of people on the site or in the surrounding area or to the environment, the Department may order Respondents to stop further implementation of this Order for such period of time as needed to abate the endangerment. Any deadline in this Order directly affected by a Stop Work Order under this section shall be extended for the term of the Stop Work Order.
- 3.7. <u>Liability</u>: Nothing in this Order shall constitute or be construed as a satisfaction or release from liability for any conditions or claims arising as a result of past, current, or future operations of Respondents.

 Notwithstanding compliance with the terms of this Order, Respondents may be required to take further actions as are necessary to protect public health or welfare or the environment.
- 3.8. Site Access: Access to the site shall be provided at all reasonable times to employees, contractors, and consultants of the Department, and any agency having jurisdiction. Nothing in this Order is intended to limit in any way the right of entry or inspection that any agency may otherwise have by operation of any law. The Department and its authorized representatives shall have the authority to enter and move freely about all property at the Site at all reasonable

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times for purposes including but not limited to: inspecting records, operating logs, and contracts relating to the Site; reviewing the progress of Respondents in carrying out the terms of this Order; and conducting such tests as the Department may deem necessary. Respondents shall permit such persons to inspect and copy all records, documents, and other writings, including all sampling and monitoring data, in any way pertaining to work undertaken pursuant to this Order.

3.9. Data and Document Availability. Respondents shall permit the Department and its authorized representatives to inspect and copy all sampling, testing, monitoring, and other data generated by Respondents or on Respondents's behalf in any way pertaining to work undertaken pursuant to this Order. Respondents shall allow the Department and its authorized representatives to take duplicates of any samples collected by Respondents pursuant to this Order. Respondents shall maintain a central depository of the data, reports, and other documents prepared pursuant to this Order. All such data, reports, and other documents shall be preserved by Respondents for a minimum of six years after the conclusion of all activities under this Order. If the Department requests that some or all of these documents be preserved for a longer period of time, Respondents shall either comply with that request, deliver the documents to the Department, or permit the Department to copy the documents prior to destruction. Respondents shall notify the Department in



COURT PAPER STATE OF CALIFORNIA STD. 113 (REV. 3-95) OSP 98 10924 writing at least six months prior to destroying any documents prepared pursuant to this Order.

- 3.10. Government Liabilities: The State of California shall not be liable for injuries or damages to persons or property resulting from acts or omissions by Respondents or related parties in carrying out activities pursuant to this Order, nor shall the State of California be held as a party to any contract entered into by Respondents or its agents in carrying out activities pursuant to the Order.
- 3.11. <u>Incorporation of Plans and Reports</u>. All plans, schedules, and reports that require Department approval and are submitted by Respondents pursuant to this Order are incorporated in this Order upon approval by the Department.
- 3.12. Extension Request: If Respondents is unable to perform any activity or submit any document within the time required under this Order, the Respondents may, prior to expiration of the time, request an extension of time in writing. The extension request shall include a justification for the delay.
- 3.13. Extension Approvals: If the Department determines that good cause exists for an extension, it will grant the request and specify in writing a new compliance schedule.

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OTHER PROVISIONS

- 4.1. Additional Enforcement Actions: By issuance of this Order, the Department does not waive the right to take further enforcement actions.
- 4.2. <u>Penalties for Noncompliance</u>: Failure to comply with the terms of this Order may also subject Respondents to costs, penalties, and/or punitive damages for any costs incurred by the Department or other government agencies as a result of such failure, as provided by section 25188 and other applicable provisions of law.
- 4.3. <u>Parties Bound</u>: This Order shall apply to and be binding upon Respondents, and its officers, directors, agents, employees, contractors, consultants, receivers, trustees, successors, and assignees, including but not limited to individuals, partners, and subsidiary and parent corporations.
- 4.4. <u>Time Periods</u>. "Days" for purposes of this Order means calendar days.

PENALTY

5. Based on the foregoing DETERMINATION OF VIOLATIONS, the Department sets the amount of Respondents's penalty at \$198,910. Payment is due within 30 days from the effective date of the Order. Respondents's check shall be made payable to the Department of Toxic Substances Control, and shall identify

1 the Respondents and Docket Number, as shown in the heading of 2 this case. Respondents shall deliver the penalty payment to: 3 Department of Toxic Substances Control Accounting Office 4 1001 I Street, 23rd floor 5 P. O. Box 806 Sacramento, California 95812-0806 6 7 A photocopy of the check shall be sent to: 8 Kit Davis, Branch Chief 9 Task Force Support and Special Investigations Branch Department of Toxic Substances Control 10 : 8800 Cal Center Drive Sacramento, California 95826-3200 11 12 RIGHT TO A HEARING 13 6. Respondents may request a hearing to challenge the 14 Appeal procedures are described in the attached Statement 15 to Respondents. 16 EFFECTIVE DATE 17 18 7. This Order is final and effective twenty days from 19 the date of mailing, which is the date of the cover letter 20 transmitting the Order to Respondents, unless Respondents 21 requests a hearing within the twenty-day period. 22 23 24 25 26 27



Date of Issuance March 18, 2002.



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